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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attention is directed to the attached documents which were cited in the International Search Report of the related PCT case (US 5,557,076; US 5,066,833; and US 4,577,058).

Applicant's earlier PCT application WO 00/33244 (which was cited against the corresponding UK application in a recent official action) is also attached as well as US 5,600,105.

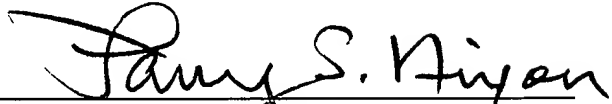
Taiwanese patent applications 347,542 and 287,267 are also attached. Applicants do not have an English language translation of these documents but enclose an English translation of the official action issued by the Taiwanese Patent Office citing these documents. As discussed in the translation of the official action, these documents were only cited against the broad claims 39 to 41, which correspond to claims 80 to 82 of the US application. A PTO-1449 is also attached.

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Official consideration and citation of each such reference is requested.

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Notification

Subject:

Please file an amendment for the Patent Application No. 089123956 in duplicate accompanying with official fees to the IPO within 60 days from the day after receiving this letter.

Reasons:

1. This notification is issued based on Article 44, Article 44.1 and Article 102.1 of the Patent Law.

2. The digitizer disclosed in the present application includes a resonant stylus and a set of sensor windings for sensing the signal generated by the stylus, from which the x-y position of the stylus is determined. The excitation signals applied to the excitation winding are designed to reduce the power drawn from the power supply. However, claims 39-41 of the present application are directed to drive circuits, which are not the subject matter of the present application. In addition, claims 39-41 cannot reflect the technical features of the present application and differentiate from conventional inductance coil devices, such as those disclosed in Domestic Patent Publication Nos. 347,542 and 287,267. Accordingly, please delete claims 39-41 of the present application and file an amendment in view of the above suggestion.

